

OSBORNE AND DERBY

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NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—The closing honors of the Crescent City Jockey Club's meeting fell to the Eastern contingent when Ostreich landed the prize of the season, the \$5635 Crescent City Derby. The Eastern colt's only rival in the betting was Captain Brown's Auditor, 6 to 5, being laid against Ostreich, against 7 to 5 on Auditor. Helgerson took Auditor to the front in the first furlong, Ostreich following closely, and from that point it was a two-horse race. Auditor opened up a gap, which Ostreich only succeeded in closing as they rounded the stretch turn and headed for the wire. It was a drive all through the stretch, and at the end, Ostreich, well ridden out, beat the stretch, length to the best of it, Auditor beating Conkling three lengths for the place. Summary: Six furlongs—Allata won, Responsive second; Magdala third; time, 1:14. Mile and a sixteenth, selling—Gravina won, Protas second, MacBeth third; time, 1:46 4-5. Five and a half furlongs—Floral King won, Elsie I. second, Uranium third; time, 1:06 4-5. Mile and an eighth, the Crescent City Derby—Ostreich, 115, Fuller, 6 to 5, won; Auditor, 115, Helgerson, 7 to 5, second; Conkling, 115, E. Walsch, 15 to 1, third; time, 1:55 1-5. Six furlongs—Pretorius won, Miladi Love second, Neither One third; time, 1:12. Mile, selling—Burning Glass won, Albert F. Dewey second, North Wind third; time, 1:49 3-4.

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Arise Lands the Bell Stakes for Two-Year-Olds at Oakland.

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CASTRO WILL NOT GO EAST.

Portland's New Player Defies Claims of Hanlon.

BAKERSFIELD, March 12.—(Special)—"I am now in better condition than I have ever been before in my life and if Hanlon will only let me alone I'll captain the team," said Louis Castro today. "I wish the world to know that I am not under no consideration will I leave the Pacific Coast and should Hanlon have power to take me out of the game I shall play ball for some small independent club in Oregon or California."

Then Castro expressed his strong feelings against Hanlon and condemned the magazine reports that have come from the coast. "A person would imagine," continued the Venezuelan, "that Hanlon's broad assertions, that he owns me body and soul, but I have something to say in this matter. Manager Fred Ely has again offered Hanlon a reasonable price for my release, but the latter will not sell."

These strong expressions from Louis Castro are the results of Hanlon's efforts to force him to come East and to make the Coast League hold strictly to its agreement concerning disputed players. As a ballplayer, Castro immediately caught on with the local fans in recent exhibitions. He is dark-skinned, walks like a Mexican, has flashing eyes and his legs are big, showing much strength in his lower limbs. He looks like a Toreador, and in last Sunday's game was called "Bullfighter."

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